

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. In the November 3, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner:

A. Rejected claims 1, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,288,638 to Tanguay et al. (hereinafter "Tanguay");

B. Objected to claims 2-12 and 15-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims;

The indication of the allowable subject matter of claims 2-12 and 15-20 is gratefully acknowledged. In this response, Applicants have cancelled claim 2 and amended claims 1 and 13 to incorporate allowable subject matter from cancelled claim 2. Claims 3, 7, 10 and 16 have been amended to correct dependency, and claim 4 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

II. Prior Art Rejections Should Be Withdrawn

In the October 25, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 13 and 14 as allegedly being anticipated by Tanguay. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to include allowable subject matter from cancelled claim 2. In particular, claims 1 and 13 have been

amended so that the limitation "at least one material" is replaced with the limitation "at least two materials having different selected temperature coefficients" of cancelled claim 2. The limitation of "at least two materials having different selected temperature coefficients" was indicated as being allowable subject matter in Paragraph 5 of the November 3, 2005 Office Action. Accordingly, it is believed that amended independent claims 1 and 13 are now in condition for allowance.

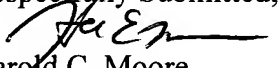
Claims 2-12 and 14-20 depend from and incorporate all of the limitations of amended claims 1 or 13. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above in regard to claims 1 and 13, it is believed that claims 2-12 and 14-20 are allowable as well.

III. Conclusion

Once this amendment has been entered, it is believed that this application will be in condition for allowance. Action toward a Notice of Allowance is hereby requested.

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